FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0046 **Title:** Crime of vehicular homicide

Primary Sponsor: Parker, J **Status:** As Amended in House Committee

Sponsor signature Date David Ewer, Budget Director Date

Fiscal Summary

	FY 2006 Difference	FY 2007 Difference
Expenditures:		
General Fund	$0	$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	$0	$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	$0	$0

☐ Significant Local Gov. Impact	☐ Technical Concerns
☐ Included in the Executive Budget	☒ Significant Long-Term Impacts
☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	☐ Needs to be included in HB 2

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. This bill creates a new offense of vehicular homicide relating strictly to driving while intoxicated.
2. The amendments to this bill cause the penalty for vehicular homicide to increase from 20 years to 30 years. Currently offenses of vehicular homicide were being charged under negligent homicide, which carries a 20-year sentence.
3. The Department of Corrections averages five negligent homicide convictions involving DUI entering the prison system each year. If these convictions were charged as vehicular homicide the prison sentence would be increased by ten years over the current penalty for negligent homicide increasing the long-term cost to DOC.
4. For information purposes, general fund cost for the incarceration of a male inmate is approximately $19,169 per year and the cost of incarceration of a female inmate is approximately $25,243 per year. Cost would be slightly lower if convicted felons were placed on Intensive Supervision at approximately $4,124 per year and probation would be approximately $1,284 per year. The current blended rate for male and female offenders in DOC facilities is $60.84 per day. This estimate is at today's rates and could increase by the time of actual impact.
5. Based on the above assumptions the fiscal impact to the Department of Corrections in the next 10 to 15 years could be around $111,033 per year, using the blended rate of male/female per day. ($60.84 X 365 X 5 = $111,033)